



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 24584

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VAN DUIJN et al.

Examiner: J. Goldberg

Serial No.: 09/973,180

Art Unit: 1634

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS FOR AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT
HEMOCHROMATOSIS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated August 8, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire November 8, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.